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Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the city of Murray, Kentucky, home of Murray State University, for its recent distinction as one of the top 50 safest college towns in America. Murray is a beacon of educational excellence and is an invaluable asset to the First Congressional District of Kentucky.

Through analysis of violent crime rates across the Nation, SafeWise, a safety-focused consumer research firm, found that Murray exhibited exceptionally low crime rates. This finding further highlights an already notable community in my district.

I applaud the work Murray has done to achieve this recognition and commend Murray State University on the collegial environment it has developed for its more than 8,000 students. When students come to Murray State, they not only join the academic community, but they also become citizens of the entire Murray family.

Once again, I congratulate the residents and leaders of Murray on this award and urge them to continue their tradition of excellence.

GUN VIOLENCE PROTECTION AND ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN

(Ms. UNDERWOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Madam Speaker, the shooting in Santa Clarita yesterday marks the 365th mass shooting this year. At least one of those shootings rocked my own community.

Today is exactly 9 months since the senseless workplace shooting in Aurora, Illinois, that took the lives of Trevor Wehner, Clayton Parks, Russell Beyer, Vicente Juarez, and Josh Pinkard. Some of the heroic police officers who responded to that shooting just returned to full duty this week.

This does not have to be the norm. This year, the House passed bipartisan legislation that would save lives by implementing universal background checks for every gun purchased. The Senate needs to pass it and to send it to the President.

And we should do more still. I support legislation that would prevent gun violence by: one, committing Federal funds to study it for the public health crisis that it is; two, keeping guns out of the hands of known domestic abusers; and, three, just this week, I cosponsored the Assault Weapons Ban of 2019, because weapons of war do not belong in our neighborhoods.

These are commonsense policies that would save countless lives: children's lives, first responders' lives, our own neighbors' lives.

TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT JOSEPH RICHARD III

(Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana asked and was given permission to address

the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Sergeant Joseph Richard III, a Louisiana native who gave his life fighting for our country during a third tour in Iraq in his 5 years of U.S. military service.

Sergeant Richard was deeply devoted to his family and his country. He was a loving husband, son, brother, and uncle who dedicated much of his life to ensuring his loved ones—and every single one of us—were able to enjoy the many freedoms we too often take for granted.

Sergeant Richard was the recipient of 12 distinguished service medals, including the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

He made the ultimate sacrifice on the battlefield fighting against one of our Nation's fiercest enemies, and, for that, he will never be forgotten.

In fact, his parents, Joe and Elaine Richard, were both here in D.C. with us last week to memorialize forever their son's sacrifice in the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project.

I take this moment to extend my sincerest and deepest appreciation to them and the countless others whose lives were blessed by Sergeant Richard. No one understands the true life of freedom more deeply.

I pray that God's grace continues to comfort them, and I thank them for their service and sacrifices over the many years. We know our soldiers don't serve alone.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard, thank you for raising a hero. We will also work hard here in Congress to honor your sacrifice and the sacrifices all of our soldiers make.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

(Mr. CARTWRIGHT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, over 7 million American men, women, and children depend on insulin to keep themselves alive; but, between 2012 and 2016, the price of insulin nearly doubled, forcing many of these Americans to ration this lifesaving drug.

It is unacceptable.

What we hear over and over again from big pharmaceutical companies is that these price hikes are necessary to pay for new research. But insulin isn't new. The first patent for insulin came out in 1923—almost 100 years ago.

The simple truth is that the drug companies keep hiking their prices on us because they can get away with it. As a result, Americans are made to suffer and make impossible sacrifices while the same drugs get sold in foreign countries for much cheaper.

That is why I am proud to support the Lower Drug Costs Now Act, smart legislation which would allow Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices for American citizens.

TAMAQUA FOOTBALL AND PENN STATE SCHUYLKILL CROSS-COUNTRY

(Mr. MEUSER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize several impressive athletic accomplishments that have recently taken place in Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District.

Last Friday night, Tamaqua football made history as they secured their first-ever district championship. After coming close to winning the championship for the past several seasons, I applaud the team's resilience and grit.

But football isn't the only sport to talk about in the Ninth Congressional District these days. For the third consecutive year, Penn State Schuylkill women's cross-country team took home the conference title at the Pennsylvania State University Athletic Conference Championships. This is the first time Penn State Schuylkill has achieved a three-peat. They are truly a sports dynasty.

Congratulations to both Sam Bonner, head football coach at Tamaqua High School, and Joe Muldowney, head cross-country coach at Penn State Schuylkill, for leading their teams to victory.

Perseverance and dedication are defining characteristics of Pennsylvanians. I am incredibly proud of the Tamaqua football and Penn State Schuylkill women's cross-country teams for these accomplishments.

And always, I am very honored to represent the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District.

SANTA CLARITA

(Mr. LEVIN of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to address yet another tragic school shooting. Yesterday, a gunman killed two students and wounded three others in Santa Clarita, California.

While we continue to gather the facts and pray for everyone in that California community, we must also continue to fight for action on gun violence.

It has been 261 days since the House passed the Bipartisan Background Checks Act. That bill is buried in MITCH MCCONNELL's legislative graveyard. In that time, at least 320 mass shootings have occurred.

While I don't expect Senate Republicans to agree with every word of every bill that we pass here in the House, I do expect them to do their job. They need to hold hearings. They need to have a vote.

The American people deserve better.

IN MEMORY OF BRETT WILSON

(Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio. Madam Speaker, on November 2, 2019, the communities of Olmsted Falls and Columbia Township of northeast Ohio mourned the loss of firefighter Brett Wilson.

Brett was off duty the morning of October 27 when a car struck a nearby utility pole, causing power lines to fall onto the roadway. Brett and his girlfriend, without hesitation, ran to help the victims of the accident.

Brett was electrocuted after coming into contact with the electrified ground near the accident and passed away immediately. Both his girlfriend and the driver were injured but, luckily, survived.

Our community honored Brett's heroism and life on Saturday, November 2, with a funeral procession held in his honor. Unsurprisingly, the community lined the streets, waving American flags and holding their hands over their hearts to honor the 2015 Olmsted Falls High School graduate.

We are heartbroken by the loss of the Olmsted Falls resident and Columbia Township firefighter, Brett Wilson. Brett, the son of an Olmsted Township police officer, was a true hero and public safety servant.

Brett will be deeply missed by his friends, family, and the community. We thank him and his family for their service, and we keep them in our prayers.

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RECOGNIZING CIVIL RIGHTS
LEADER CLAUDETTE COLVIN

(Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Claudette Colvin, a Parkchester resident and American civil rights pioneer who, on March 2, 1955, at the age of 15 years old, was arrested in Montgomery, Alabama, for refusing to give up her seat to a young passenger, becoming one of the many to be arrested for challenging Montgomery's bus segregation policies.

Nine months after Claudette Colvin, Rosa Parks was famously arrested for a similar act of civil nonviolence.

Claudette's heroic story was nearly forgotten by history. Her actions led to monumental progress in our Nation's history. Not only that, her heroic actions amplified and set the stage for other great African American civil rights leaders and their actions.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Claudette Colvin's courage to stand in the face of injustice and demand recognition of her inalienable rights. Because, in her

courage to fight for her freedom, she paved a path for millions of others to do the same.

WE MUST NEVER FORGET
LESSONS OF THE PAST

(Mr. BACON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, in an anti-Semitic attack this last week, cowards desecrated over 75 headstones of the Temple Israel Cemetery in Omaha. Countless headstones were pushed from their bases, with many broken in the process. It is vile. It is reprehensible. It is disgusting.

This hateful action toward the Jewish community causes great pain in my heart. As Rabbi Abraham of Beth El Synagogue in Omaha recently reminded us, cemeteries are one of the most holy places, and the Talmud teaches us that "gravestones are fairer than royal palaces."

This attack happened around Veterans Day, which provided a dark reminder that the cause of defending freedom and combating hate never rests.

On that note, I call upon the leadership of Congress to move H.R. 943, the Never Again Education Act by Congresswoman CAROLYN MALONEY.

Education is a powerful weapon combating anti-Semitism, and this bill will provide valuable tools in that fight.

As we near the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II, one of the darkest chapters in human history, we must never forget the lessons of the past so that we never again repeat those horrors in the future.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICING

(Ms. SCANLON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, every day I hear from constituents who are going broke trying to pay for their prescriptions, and more often than not they are seniors—seniors like Cheryl, who often has to decide whether to forgo one of her monthly medications or to pay a \$600 pharmacy bill.

Stories like Cheryl's are becoming both all too common and unacceptable.

We are committed to lowering the cost of prescription drugs so that Americans can afford their lifesaving medications.

That is why I have introduced legislation to eliminate some of the barriers that seniors and people with disabilities have to getting the medications they need.

The Better Tools to Lower Costs Act, which has been included in H.R. 3, would eliminate the asset requirement for CMS's Extra Help program.

As a result, low-income Medicare recipients with modest retirement savings or a small rainy-day fund would

get help to pay for deductibles, premiums, and copays.

Families should not have to drain their life savings or sell their homes to afford lifesaving medication. Commonsense solutions like this and others in H.R. 3 will address the prescription drug crisis, and I look forward to voting for it.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF OKLAHOMA INTERCOLLEGIATE LEGISLATURE

(Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature, a student run and led mock-government organization.

OIL has brought together thousands of young people from every corner of my State to learn how to effect change and to make their voices heard in our democracy.

OIL replicates every part of Oklahoma's State government, from our legislative branch to the Governor's office to the judiciary.

The college students who participate in this program draft their own legislation, build lifelong and often bipartisan friendships, and learn what it takes to move an idea from concept to reality. They learn how to craft policy, negotiate and compromise, and how to lead.

I know because, as a young college student, I was a member of OIL and learned these lessons myself, as have so many of Oklahoma's current leaders in government, civic, and business communities.

So, today, please join me in celebrating OIL's 50th anniversary and the impact it has and will have on Oklahoma's students and future leaders.

NATIONAL RECYCLING DAY

(Ms. SCHRIER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SCHRIER. Madam Speaker, today is National Recycling Day.

As a Nation and world, we are accumulating single-use plastics at an alarming rate. By 2050, there will be more plastic than fish in the world's oceans.

This is why recycling is critical, and we need more education for all of us about how best to recycle.

We also need help from industry to either avoid plastic altogether or package their goods with the most desirable and recyclable types of plastic.

As consumers, though, our standard should be "Made from 100 percent recycled materials" and not "Made from recyclable materials." There is a vast difference.

We all know the three Rs: reduce, reuse, recycle. But we can't just recycle. That is the third choice. Our top